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Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

In response to the Office Action mailed June 10, 2004, Applicants respectfully request
that the following amendments be entered and that the rejection of claims in the application be
reconsidered and withdrawn.